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SUBJECT: PAHMY MEETS PLO LEADERS TO DISCUSS UNSC DEBATE

1. AHRAH JANUARY 6 REPORTS THAT DEPRIMIN AND FONMIN ISMAIL FAHMY SCHEDULED TO MEET SAME DAY WITH PLO DELEGATION FOR "IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS" CONCERNING UNSC DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST TO BEGIN JANUARY 12. PLO DELEGATION REPORTEDLY INCLUDES KAMAL SURANI, HEAD OF PLO OFFICE IN CAIRO; SA'ID KAMAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT; RIBHI 'AWAD, FORMER CHIEF OF VOICE OF PALESTINE IN CAIRO; AND BASIL 'AQL, PLO UN OBSERVER. EARLY EDITIONS OF AHRAH MENTIONED THAT FAHMY SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO MEETING WITH PLO.

2. PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN TAHSIN BASHIR TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 5 THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE ATTENDING JANUARY 6 MEETING AND THAT GOE AIM WAS TO PERSUADE PLO TO (A) MAKE USE OF UNSC MEETING TO CARRY ON INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AND (B) MODERATE THEIR POSITION AND LANGUAGE TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION OF ONLY BEING INTERESTED IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON ON ISRAEL, WHICH WOULD ONLY HAVE ADVERSE
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IMPACT ON ISRAEL AND US PUBLIC OPINION. TAHSIN WAS NOT
OVERLY CONFIDENT THAT GOE COULD PERSUADE PLO TO ADOPT
MODERATE, SUBTLE POSTURE, BUT HEMADE CLEAR GOE WAS
GOING TO DO ITS BEST TO KEEP UNSC MEETING FROM BEING
STERILE DEBATE THAT WOULD OBSTRUCT RATHER THAN FURTHER
MEMENTUM. TO DO OTHERWISE, HE SAID, WOULD ONLY PLAY INTO
SYRIAN/EXTREMISTS' HANDS.
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